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In re Application of:

Yasuyuki Kawashima et al.

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For: Sample Analyzers, Bacteria  
Analyzers, and Solutions for  
Diluting and Cleaning

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,043,205	03/28/2000	Hoshiko et al.		
	A2	6,114,292	09/05/2000	Hoshiko et al.		
	A3	2002/0076743 A1	06/20/2002	Sakai et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	A4	5-001983	01/08/1993	Japan		Abstract
	A5	2000-321270	11/24/2000	Japan		Abstract
	A6	JP 6-15772	03/01/1994	Japan		Yes (Translation only)

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	

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